

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-17 are now pending.

Claims 1-3, 6-10, and 13-17 stand rejected.

Claims 4, 5, 11, and 12 stand objected to.

Claims 1, 8, 15-17 have been amended.

The abstract has been amended.

**Abstract**

Page 2 of the June 9, 2005 Office Action (the "Office Action") indicates that the abstract is objected to because the abstract is a copy of the first paragraph of the summary. The abstract has been amended to address the concerns expressed in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request this objection be withdrawn.


**Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Appreciation is expressed for the indicated allowability of claims 4 – 5 and 11 – 12. In response, the Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 4 and have amended claim 8 to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 11. In addition, Applicants have amended claims 15 – 17 to incorporate limitations similar to the limitations of allowable claims 4 and 11.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 8, and 15 – 17 are allowable. Claims 2-3 and 4-7 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least this reason. Claims 9-10 and 11-14 depend from claim 8 and are allowable for at least this reason.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the numbers provided below.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being faxed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450, on November 9, 2005.	
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